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Ms. Karen M. Sagel Allegheny County Health Department Department of Air Quality 301 Thirty-Ninth Street Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Subject: USS Reference Number: 16-0038

ACHD Reference Number: 19681

Sulfur Plant USS Clairton Works

Dear Karen M. Sagel:

The attached form confirms our verbal report of the subject incident and satisfies the requirements of paragraph IV.8 of the Title V operating permit #0052 as issued on March 27th 2012.

I certify that based on the information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in this document are true, accurate, and complete. Any questions concerning this matter should be referred to Jonelle S. Scheetz at 412-233-1015.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Rhoads Plant Manager Clairton Works

CC: James W. Hagedorn (USEPA)

## NOTICE OF OUTAGE OF EQUIPMENT ARTICLE XXI - SECTION 2108.1

- 1. USS Reference Number: 16-0038 ACHD Reference Number: 19681
- 2. Date & Time of Breakdown: Date: 01/22/16 Time: 0550 hours
- 3. Company Name: U.S. Steel Corporation USS Clairton Works
- 4. Specific Equipment Involved or Affected: Sulfur Plant
- 5. BAPC Permit Number (if applicable):
- 6. Location: Clairton, PA

Nature and cause of breakdown: A lean solution pump failed at the 100 Vacuum Carbonate Unit. As a result, the 40 grain  $H_2S$  limit at the Sulfur Plant was momentarily exceeded.

- 8. Identification of Emissions:
  - A. Type(s) (CO, NOX,  $SO_2$ , Particulates, Hydrocarbons, etc.) Elevated  $H_2S$  in the down river gas line system, causing increased  $SO_2$  at points of combustion.
  - B. Toxic qualities of each type (including its qualities as an irritant, and its potential for causing illness, disability, or mortality). SO<sub>2</sub> is an eye, nose, and throat irritant.
  - C. Amount of each type emitted (or likely to be emitted).
    Light
- 9. Measures taken (or to be taken) to minimize length of breakdown and amount of emissions, including shutdown or curtailment (or why it is impossible or impractical to do so).

  The problem was resolved and normal operations resumed.

10. Facility back in operation - Date: 01/22/16 Time: 0635 hours

Reviewed by full A Ahert Date 1/22/16
Jonelle S. Scheetz

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